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Cooperation is the Key



City Council Article

Gordon M. Thomas - District #1

We are well into our sixth year as a city, and we have come a long way. During this time I have noted the influence our citizens have had by participating in government processes, especially regarding decisions that affect our city. I'd like to share some of the productive experiences I have shared with residents who decide to get involved in our community.

Just after Cottonwood Heights was formed, the city faced its first real challenge when the land occupied by the Meadows Mobile Home Park in Little Cottonwood Creek Valley was sold. Though many of the park residents were elderly, earned lower incomes or had health problems, the 149 units were well cared for. Residents of the park had been assured that it would never be sold, so the change came as a shock.

The residents of the park had very

little time and money with which to move, but local government leaders and neighbors went to work on their behalf. With Mayor Kelvyn Cullimore leading the way, we developed a committee of various entities that specialize in supporting the elderly and finding low-income housing. We met every week for months to make assignments and to track progress.

Though the park was surrounded by comparatively luxurious homes, many of the residents of those homes had very dear friends who lived in the mobile home park. They were very concerned for the welfare of their neighbors. They volunteered to assist many of those that desperately needed help in finding new living situations, and made a big difference in the outcome.

After the emotion of that process, it was time to plan for developments on the newly vacated property. Those

same neighbors stepped up and voiced their opinions to city leaders about what should be done with the property. They set a precedent for the city and joined forces with the city staff to find an amicable resolution.

More recently, a developer's plan to build a dentist's office on the west side of Highland Drive just south of the I-215 interchange prompted the planning commission to take a closer look at the city's general plan. Rather than consider changes to just one lot, the commission decided to look at 14 lots along that side of the street from the freeway to approximately 6850 South.

Residents who lived in that area became involved in the discussion. Any change in the general plan would affect not only the existing homes and developments on those 14 lots, but also those homes along the rear of the properties facing Highland

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Planning Commission Considers Tall Buildings Issue

By Michael Black

three areas are detailed in the accompanying map, and **do not** include the proposed Tavaci development or the Canyon Racquet Club property located on the corner of Fort Union Boulevard and Wasatch Drive.

During the hearing, many members of the public commented to the planning commission on the tentative language of the amendment. Most comments focused on a few issues related to site planning and the potential timing of changes to office parks in the three affected areas. The planning commission is still in the process of considering the many comments made by the public and has postponed

its recommendation to the city council until mid-September to sufficiently review all the comments.

Future meetings on this topic include a planning commission work session on September 1, 2010 and a planning commission business meeting on September 15, 2010, at which time the commission is expected make its recommendation regarding the tall building amendment to the city council. Ultimately, any decision regarding an amendment to the general plan rests solely with the Cottonwood Heights City Council. The planning commission simply makes recommendations to the city council regarding general

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VOTE

On **November 2, 2010**, Utahns will head for the polls to vote in the general election. In this year’s race, Salt Lake County voters will decide many high-level and hotly contested offices, from United States Representative and Utah Governor to District Attorney and Sheriff. Will your voice be heard?

IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ELECTION, YOU MUST BE 18 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER AND REGISTERED TO VOTE.

To request a voter registration form or find out if you are already registered, contact the Salt Lake County Elections Division at 801-468-3427 or visit www.clerk.slco.org. The last day to register to vote by mail is October 4. To register to vote in person, please go to the Salt Lake County Office Building at 2001 S. State Street, Suite S1100 by October 18. Remember, you must re-register if you move, change your name, or want to change your political party.

SEE YOU AT THE POLLS!

HISTORICAL QUESTION

Historical Question:
Which resident of Cottonwood Heights was a world wrestling champion?
(find answer on later page)

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Drive as well as homes in the interior of the neighborhood.

People worked together, scheduling neighborhood meetings and attending meetings at city hall. Residents with differing opinions were firm in what they wanted, yet always very congenial. The process took awhile, and I’m sure the developer was somewhat chagrined at the delay, but eventually a plan was developed that was considered acceptable to all parties.

On the night the city council approved the changes to the general plan, a resident whose home adjoined one of the properties on Highland Drive came up to me, shook my hand and said that though they didn’t get everything they wanted, they were satisfied and very appreciative of the process.

In 2008, a developer applied for a general plan amendment that would allow for a storage unit facility on 1300 East across from city hall. The residents who lived near the property were concerned about what type of structure would be built there. Even though I wasn’t pleased with the idea of a storage unit facility on that property, I kept an open mind and we started through the process.

The developer was invited to meetings where he could explain his plans for the property. The neighbors spoke with him several times and we were all invited to tour one of his other facilities. After that tour and many more meetings, the majority of the neighbors indicated that the developer’s plan was a good fit for their neighborhood.

Another instance of cooperation led to a new trailhead in the city. A property owner had planned a complex of three office buildings on a five-acre property along Wasatch Boulevard. Virtually none of the surrounding neighbors wanted the development, saying it was out of

place and a geologically unsound area in which to construct that type of building. City leaders and Salt Lake County leaders worked together to negotiate the purchase of the property by the county. That cooperative effort led to the construction of the Timberline Trailhead. Not only did the trailhead mitigate the possible negative effects of the office development, it added open space and a much-used recreational facility to the city.

Just this year, residents in Little Cottonwood Creek Valley have seen the benefit of getting involved with local government first-hand. Crestwood Park is a great park with a worn out swimming pool. Years ago, though patrons had asked Salt Lake County to repair the pool, the county decided to close it.

The people of the area joined forces, created a vision for what they wanted their park to be, and started a campaign to get the job done. Mike Peterson, the director of the Cottonwood Heights Recreation Center, guided the group and worked with the county on their behalf despite the fact that the pool was not even a part of his recreation district.

Success was the ultimate outcome. Earlier this year, we got word that the pool would be refurbished, and the project was recently completed.

Our city is a fantastic city, admired even by people who live and work outside our boundaries. However, what makes our city great is cooperation. City Planner Michael Black and the entire Public Works Department make an effort to work with the great people of our city who choose to be a part of its changes and growth. I am sincerely grateful for each of you. It is a great honor for me to serve the residents of this city, and I enjoy being a part of the things we accomplish. I speak for the council and our staff when I simply say “Thank You.”

EMERGENCY FAIR SPEAKER



Survivalist Jim Phillips, Jr. to attend Emergency Preparedness Fair

Well-known survivalist Jim Phillips, Jr. will attend Cottonwood Heights’ Emergency Preparedness Fair on September 11, 2010 at Brighton High School.

Phillips, who specializes in cold-weather survival and preparedness will film live sessions of his series of classes, “The Self-Reliant Library.” Everyone is invited to attend the classes and learn more about safety and survival techniques. Don’t miss this one-of-a-kind event!



Thanks to the Boy Scouts

Several local Boy Scouts volunteered their time to assemble the multi-colored triage ribbons that will be distributed at the Emergency Preparedness Fair and at Smith’s.

Cottonwood Heights would like to thank Daniel Baggaley, Hunter Judd, James Layton, Adam Metcalf, and Sam Peters for their help with this monumental task.

It was a job well done!

HISTORICAL ANSWERS

Answer Historical Committee question:

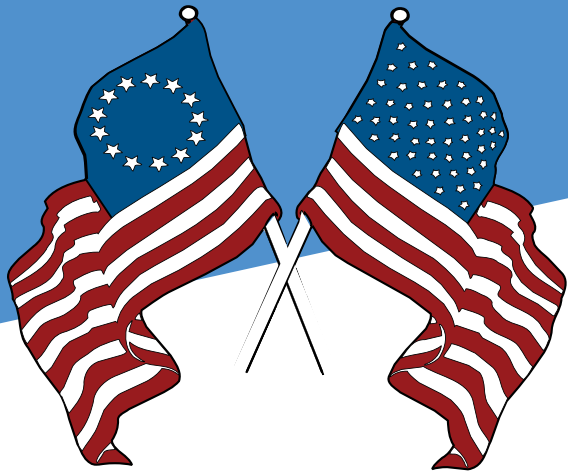
Delbert Kunkel was born in 1905 in Salt Lake City and lived in Butlerville where he operated a plumbing business when he wasn't wrestling. In the wrestling world, he was known as "Dynamite Del." Boasting the title of Light Heavyweight Champion of the Pacific Coast and Canada, Kunkel was a feature attraction at the McCullough Arena in Salt Lake City. In Oregon in December of 1934, Kunkel defeated World Welterweight Champion Jack Reynolds. Reynolds had ruled as king of the welters for nearly 14 years. After a fight in which he used such moves as the Boston Crab, Kunkel lifted the champion sky-high in a terrific Australian Pile Driver that ended the match. Mat critics rated this bout as the greatest exhibition of grappling since a match in Albany in 1927. With 10 years of grappling experience, Kunkel was rated among the top five middleweight wrestlers in the world. In 1937, having beaten every wrestler of importance under 200 pounds, Dynamite Del was named World Tigerweight Champion. Kunkel passed away in 1980.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

All City Council business meetings are held in the council chambers, 1265 East Fort Union Blvd., Ste. 300. The work meetings are held in the conference room at the same address but in Ste. 250. The September meeting schedule is as follows:

- **Tuesday, September 7th**
7 p.m. Work Meeting
- **Tuesday, September 14th**
6 p.m. Work Meeting (*reconvenes following business meeting*)
7 p.m. Business Meeting
- **Tuesday, September 21st**
6 p.m. Work Meeting
- **Tuesday, September 28th**
6 p.m. Work Meeting (*reconvenes following business meeting*)
7 p.m. Business Meeting

Save the Date!



Mark your calendars for this year's "Meet the Candidates" event. It's a great opportunity to get to know the people who are running for office in November's general election. This year's event will be held on **October 21 from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m.** at a location to be determined soon. Look for more information in the October edition of the News Journal!

Meet the Candidates

Public Works Update

By Brad Gilson

We are pleased that the large-scale Fort Union Boulevard project is now complete, and proceeded smoothly with minimal impact to local businesses. However, another large project is just getting started!

The second phase of the 6200 South stimulus project began recently and will be finished this fall. During the evening commute, the 6200 South/I-215 interchange is one of the busiest intersections in the Salt Lake Valley. This project will expand the use of the existing infrastructure to allow quicker access to the freeway and reduce delay at the intersections.

A triple left-hand turn has been proposed in two locations—northbound 3000 East to westbound 6200 South, and southbound I-215 turning eastbound onto 6200 South. The triple-left underneath the freeway would help reduce the number of cars that back up onto the freeway during rush hour and diminish the danger of stopped cars in high-speed traffic.

The turn lanes would also include dashed lines, nicknamed "rabbit tracks," to help guide cars through the turn. Interestingly, there are not many triple left turns in the valley and the city is fortunate to have enough space to consider this option.

The triple left turn option has been approved by UDOT and is now awaiting federal approval. If the option is approved, residents will spend significantly less time in traffic at the intersection.

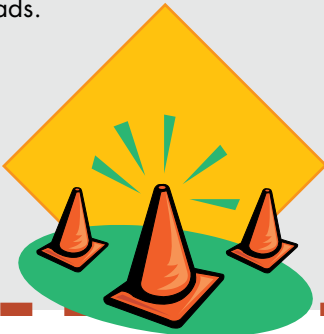
The summer is passing quickly, but we are not ready to put the orange barrels away. Construction season will extend into October this year as the city continues to treat residential roads.

Over the next few weeks, the city will apply chip seals, slurry seals and overlays. Roads deteriorate quickly due to the sun, salt and traffic loads. If roads are rejuvenated proactively each year, the city will stay ahead of the curve and spend less money in the long run while maintaining nicer roads. A well-maintained road helps reduce fuel emissions and car maintenance and improves safety.

For perspective, we have performed the following work this year:

- Nearly 14 miles of chip seal
- 8.5 miles of overlay
- 14 miles of slurry seals

City crews and contracting agencies are working hard to minimize impact to traffic flow as we strive to work in a timely and professional manner. We appreciate your patience and hope you enjoy driving on the newly treated roads.





Chief's CORNER

When I was 16 years old and trying to repair my first car, I tried the innovative technique of sticking a screwdriver through the oil filter to gain the necessary leverage to remove the cylinder. After watching the hot oil spurt into my face, my dad brought me an oil filter wrench and taught me my first lesson on using the right gadget to get the job done.

The same concept applies to choosing an attorney. If you're in a position where you need to hire an attorney, chances are you are already experiencing a certain amount of stress. You'll want to be sure you are well-represented and that you can afford the cost of legal services.

First and foremost, you need to make sure the attorney you hire has the right kind of experience. I have dealt with many attorneys over the course of my career, and people often don't understand that most attorneys specialize in handling certain types of problems. It's not uncommon for us to get a call from an attorney representing a client we arrested for DUI or a felony crime, only to discover that the attorney is a family friend

who specializes in an unrelated field such as adoptions. Although watching such an attorney try to navigate the criminal system provides a certain entertainment value, it really isn't in your best interest. So although your brother-in-law may offer his services "pro

If you're a victim of domestic violence, the city or county provides a prosecutor to represent your interests

bono," it might not result in the most favorable outcome of the matter you're trying to resolve.

It's also important that you choose your attorney based on experience and not personality. You need him to understand exactly how to handle your situation, not simply to be able to ease your mind over the telephone. Watching an unqualified lawyer lose your case will make you feel a whole lot worse than getting a squirt of dirty oil in your face.

An attorney's reputation for superior legal service is critical in your search. More prominent criminal defense attorneys have usually earned their reputations by ensuring that the police

department has done its job. We often have very good working relationships with these lawyers because we have the same objective—justice for all involved.

What about those people who have been accused of a crime but have no means of paying for an attorney? For defendants who are truly indigent, the city is tasked with paying the cost of a defense attorney. Cottonwood Heights currently contracts with Doug Stowell to provide these services. However, before a defendant can qualify for free representation, he or she is screened by the court to ensure they meet the financial requirements.

Police officers are often called to cases of domestic violence within the city that result in criminal charges being filed against the primary aggressor. If you're a victim of domestic violence, the city or county provides a prosecutor to represent your interests.

You may also contact CHPD's victim advocate for help with protective orders or to find an attorney who specializes in divorce law or bankruptcy in cases of serious financial



Chief Robby Russo

trouble. The Utah State Bar (www.utahbar.org) is also a great source for matching people with the proper service provider.

Finally, if you are in need of legal advice, ask for referrals from friends and people in the community whom you respect, and investigate the attorneys you are considering. Remember—hiring the right person for the job is a necessary step that will ultimately lead to the best possible outcome.



Triage Ribbons Available For Each Home In Cottonwood Heights



If an earthquake was to hit our area, phone lines were destroyed and someone in your home was severely injured, how would you call for help? How would you find out what was going on outside your neighborhood? You would just use your front window, of course!

Cottonwood Heights has put together an emergency plan for the triage and evacuation of severely injured residents in the event of a large-scale disaster. Multi-colored triage

ribbons are available for every residence and business in the city.

In the event of an emergency, just hang the appropriate ribbon in the window to receive a response from emergency personnel. Red ribbons mean someone in the structure is severely injured. Yellow means there are injuries, but no bleeding or respiratory problems. Green shows that everyone in the structure is fine. Black indicates a fatality.

But that isn't all. Attached to the triage ribbon is a guide to emergency channels to which residents can turn to find out

about what is happening throughout the valley. It's just as important for residents to be aware of what is going on outside as well as inside their homes.

Triage ribbons will be distributed at the Emergency Preparedness Fair on September 11, 2010. They will also be distributed at the Smith's store located at 3470 East 7800 South during the week of September 11 through September 18. The city would like to thank Smith's for volunteering this service to the community.

Cottonwood Heights presents the 2010 Emergency Preparedness Fair

Getting READY before the EMERGENCY!

When: September 11
Time: 10 am - 2 pm
Location: Brighton High School



EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS FAIR

If a large-scale disaster were to devastate Cottonwood Heights tomorrow, would you be prepared to take care of your family for at least 72 hours? Do you have enough clean water and food stored? Do you know what to do if someone in your home is injured? How will you communicate with family members or emergency personnel? What about sources of light and heat?

If any of these questions makes you think twice about your level of preparedness, please make plans to attend the city's Emergency Preparedness Fair on Sept. 11, 2010 at Brighton High School from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

"This is a way to demonstrate to our citizens that we expect them to be prepared to take care of their own needs for approximately 72 hours," said City Manager Liane Stillman. "However, the flip side of that is that the city takes its responsibility to its citizens seriously. We have put great effort into making sure our city is prepared for whatever event may come our way."

The fair is more than just a primer on how to put together a 72-hour kit. This year's activities will include a range of emergency preparedness basics, from water filtration to communications to maintaining a power supply.

Below is a guide to the activities and vendors you will see at the fair. Please make every effort to attend. We hope to see you there!

SERVICES AVAILABLE:

- **Twitter and Text Alerts** — In an emergency, it is likely that telephone landlines will not work. But you may still be able to receive information and updates on your cell phone. Bring your cell phone and email address to our Twitter/

Text Alerts booth, and teen volunteers Zeegan George and Kara Blodgett will help you set up your phone so that information regarding city emergencies will come directly to you!

- **Reverse 911 Calls**—If you have a telephone landline, you can sign up for Reverse 911 phone calls about emergencies in your neighborhood. The Valley Emergency Communications Center (VECC) will run a test of this system in your neighborhood in the days before the Emergency Preparedness Fair to remind you of the event.
- **Child Identification**—Make sure you have the proper identification for your child. In the event of an emergency, this will make it easier for you to be reunited with loved ones.
- **Special Needs Registry**—Many people with mental and physical disabilities require routine medication or assistance to function on a day-to-day basis. If you or a loved one has special needs that must be met, especially during an emergency, please register those needs so that those who may take over care during a time of crisis will be aware of those necessities.
- **Animal ID Chips**—For a cost of \$5, Cottonwood Heights Animal Control will place a small microchip under your pet's skin that contains your proof of ownership and other information about the animal. In an emergency, separation from your pet is probable. The chip will help you reunite with your lost pets sooner rather than later.

DEMONSTRATIONS:

- **Vehicle Extrication** — Unified Fire Authority will be on hand to extricate a lucky volunteer from a vehicle. It's a fascinating event you won't want to miss!

- **Emergency Communications** — The city's emergency communications team will demonstrate the use of our independent radio channels and help participants learn alternative methods of communication.
- **NETguard Van** — The city's new NETguard incident command vehicle will be onsite and available for tours. This mobile command vehicle is capable of taking over the city's communications and mapping systems in the event of an emergency.

AGENCIES & VENDORS AVAILABLE

- **CHPD and Neighborhood Watch**—Security and communication are essential in an emergency. CHPD will be on hand to discuss how to stay safe in times of trouble.
- **CERT**—Citizen Emergency Response Teams will be available to talk about the importance of being prepared for an emergency. They are also starting registration for the CERT classes that begin in October.
- **Red Cross**—Volunteers will provide information about the services available through local Red Cross chapters.
- **Utah Department of Health**—Qualified personnel will discuss health-related issues to consider during a disaster.
- **Home Depot**—Representatives will discuss how to prepare your home for an emergency and the importance of portable lighting and power supplies.
- **Grandma's Country Foods**—Representatives from this local business will discuss water filtration, first aid kits, and have samples of freeze-dried food on hand.

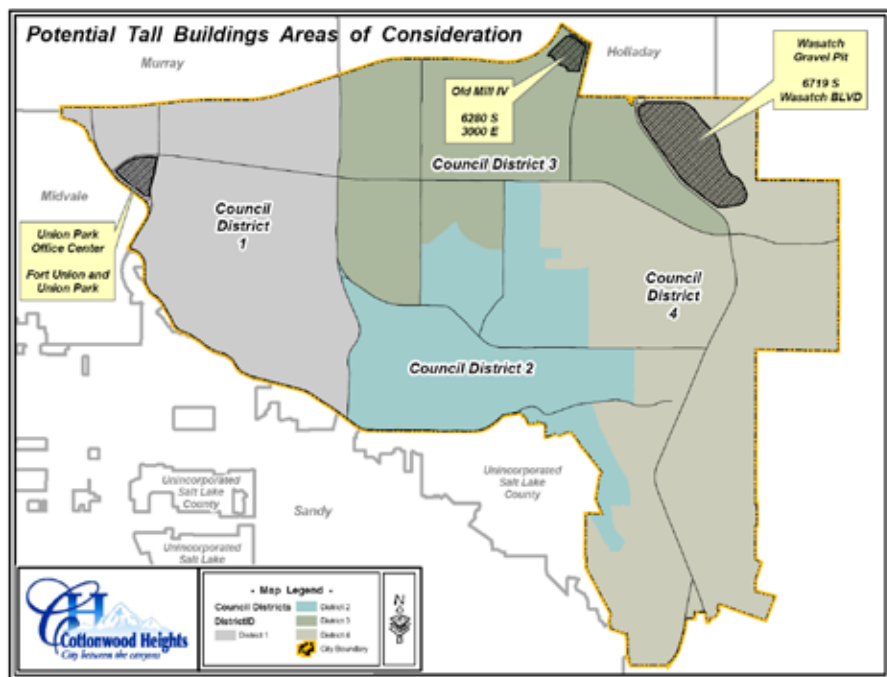


PLANNING COMMISSION

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plan amendments based on their evaluation of potential positive and detrimental effects of proposed changes to the plan.

If you'd like to receive an email with planning commission meeting dates and agendas, please visit the city's website and enter your email in the "Notifications" box.



Safety Message



Asst. Chief Mike Watson

The end of summer brings new beginnings for school students and an air of excitement for everyone. Unfortunately, with more children on the road each day, it also brings a rise in injuries from pedestrian, bicycle, school bus and motor vehicle crashes. With the increasing number of children on the road, the responsibility is on drivers to be more aware of other people and their surroundings. Here are some things for everyone to keep in mind as we head out onto the roadways: Children are small, making it difficult for them to see motorists and for motorists to see them. This is especially true around obstacles like parked or moving cars, buses and untrimmed trees and shrubs.

- Children have underdeveloped peripheral vision, so a child won't see a motorist approaching from right or left as quickly as an adult will.
- Children have difficulty judging a car's speed and distance, leading them to misjudge how far away from them a moving car really is.
- Sometimes mistakenly, children think that if they can see the driver then the driver must be able to see them.
- When backing out of a driveway or leaving a garage, watch out for children walking or bicycling to school on the sidewalk.
- Watch for children walking in the street, especially if there are no sidewalks in the neighborhood. Also watch for children playing and use caution when approaching bus stops.
- Be alert. Children in a hurry to get to school or who arrive late for the bus may dart into the street without looking for traffic.
- Drivers need to look for pedestrians as well as cars when turning left at a green light or making right turns on red. Pedestrians have the right of way in these situations.

Whether you walk, bike, or drive, let's all be more aware of our surroundings and work together to make our roads safe!



Cottonwood Heights Rec Center

online registration at **cottonwoodheights.com**

Swim Lessons

Fall Session I



Swim lessons start
Sept. 13---sign up now

Labor Day



Facility Hours
12 noon - 5pm
Last day of the
Outdoor Pool



Cottonwood Heights City presents the

4th annual Adult Classic Tennis Tournament

Sept. 20-28

(No Sunday Play)

Register online by Sept. 10
at utahtennis.com
ID #257706410

Health Fair

Sept. 21
4-7pm

Sign-up for flu shots
or to give blood
801.943.3190

Learn to Skate

figure skating & hockey

Fall Session II

Learn to Skate
lessons (all levels) start
Oct. 19---sign up now

801.943.3190 / 7500 S. 2700 E. Cottonwood Heights, UT



Eye on Neighborhood Watch

On August 3, Cottonwood Heights Neighborhood Watch hosted a city-wide block party at Butler Park in honor of National Night Out Against Crime. The purpose was to “give crime a going-away party” by bringing residents and law enforcement officers together to learn about ways to prevent crime in local neighborhoods.

Those who attended the event participated in a variety of activities, from touring commercial booths and watching a K-9 demonstration to exploring emergency helicopters and learning about local Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT).

One of the biggest draws at the event was a chance to play “radar baseball.” Players took turns pitching a baseball while one of the police officers tracked the speed of the pitches with his radar gun. The fastest pitch was 61 miles per hour!

Afterward, neighborhood watch volunteers treated everyone to ice cream provided by Cottonwood Heights and free water donated by Costco.

Stacie Skelton, who serves as East Area Neighborhood

Watch Coordinator, organized the event with help from other area coordinators. The week after the event, CHPD Chief Robby Russo and Assistant Chief Paul Brenneman honored the area coordinators for their efforts to keep the community safe by donning aprons and hosting a barbeque.

Brenneman said the work of the neighborhood watch group is essential to the success of the police department.

“It’s like bacon and eggs,” he said. “When you see one, you expect to see the other.”

Cottonwood Heights Neighborhood Watch is a volunteer organization run by residents of the city. Their motto is “We see, we hear, we call,” and they work to educate citizens on how to recognize suspicious activity and report it to police. Anyone can get involved with the organization, and leaders are currently looking for someone to volunteer as Central Area Coordinator. Al Haslam, a devoted neighborhood watch volunteer who has held that position for years, is moving away from the community.

To learn more about Cottonwood Heights Neighborhood Watch or to volunteer, please call Sheila Jennings at 801-944-7100.

For more Information

WARNING



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

call 801-944-7100

“Dreamcoat” Goes Off Like A Dream

During the first two weeks in August, the Cottonwood Heights Arts Council produced its first musical. Their version of “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat” was bright, modern and fun with high-energy choreography and a talented cast and crew. Director Kate Rufener staged the classic show but added a modern, “gleeful” twist that delighted audiences and kicked off the city’s theater department with a colorful bang.

Not only did the community turn out in force to watch the performances, but the cast and their efforts were highlighted on Fox 13’s Good Day Utah with Big Budah on

Monday, August 9.

The arts council would like to give special thanks to Canyons School District, especially Brighton High School, for the use of their stage and lighting and for providing technical support. Thanks also to Mayor Kelvyn Cullimore for his continued support for the arts. The council loved this production, and looks forward to many more productions to come.

The arts council is always looking for volunteers! If you would like to get involved in our community’s art scene, contact Amy at amy.charts@gmail.com.





Thanks For A Great Summer Of Movies In The Park!

Each month during the summer, Cottonwood Heights along with Granite Construction and the Cottonwood Heights Recreation Center Foundation teamed up to sponsor free movies in three different parks in the city. Their efforts along with an enthusiastic response from movie-goers combined to make this year's series the most successful in the four-year history of the event!

"It was so well-attended," said Patti Hansen, Program Director at the Cottonwood Heights Rec Center. "We estimate that there were more than 1,000 people at each movie this summer. It's growing a little more every year."

Movie enthusiasts were treated to three different movies. In June, "Madagascar" was shown at Bywater Park. In July, it was "Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs" at Mill Hollow Park. And finally, crowds watched "Monsters vs. Aliens" at Mountview Elementary in August.

Not only were attendees treated to a free movie, they also participated in activities and entertainment before the event. Children played



on bounce rides while everyone watched performer Lance the Magician and squirmed during Scales and Tails, a reptile show.

Movies in the Park is funded by money raised through the recreation center foundation, and organizers are looking forward to next year's event.

THANKS TO EVERYONE INVOLVED FOR A GREAT SUMMER OF MOVIES!

Cottonwood Heights Teen Organizes 5K Race — *With A Twist*

What would it be like to live in a place devoid of easily accessible clean water? What if, as a child, you could not think of attending school because your time was spent carrying water from a distant river back to your home, sometimes four times a day?

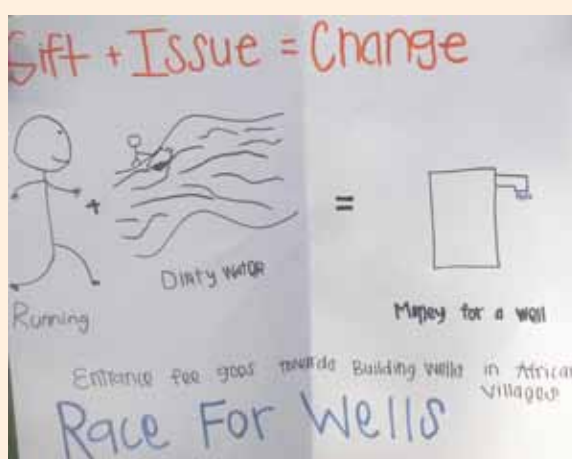


These are questions that troubled 13-year-old Stephen Jarman of Cottonwood Heights after he and his family attended a local conference and listened to a speech by Marc Kielburger, co-founder of Free the Children.

Free the Children is a non-profit organization that empowers children and teens to make a positive impact on the lives of other children worldwide. Specifically, the group builds schools and water wells in underprivileged

areas of the world in order to give children the chance to improve their circumstances through education.

During a group activity at the conference, Jarman drafted a plan showing how he could use one of his gifts—a love of running—to help with one of the difficulties children in Africa experience—the time-consuming task of ferrying unclean water back to their villages in order to sustain life. He decided he could sponsor a race to raise money to build a well in one of those



villages.

After presenting his idea to other conference-goers, Jarman sat down next to his mother who promptly leaned over and asked, "So, when's the race?" And in that moment, Water Walk Utah 2010 became a reality.

The 5k walk will take place at Sugarhouse Park on Saturday, September 25 at 3 p.m. But this is no ordinary 5k. In order for them to understand what days are like for the children in poor villages in Kenya, Jarman is asking participants to bring containers of water to carry with them on the walk.

Jarman's goal is to find enough sponsors and participants to raise the \$5,000 necessary to drill one water well in Africa. The cost to participate in the walk is \$30, with discounts available for families with four members or more.

To learn more about Water Walk Utah 2010 or to sign up for the 5k walk, visit Jarman's website at www.waterwalkutah.com.

